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A DECLARATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE Parliament & Army;

AND

The Resolution of the Souldiery:

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The *Remonstrance*, *Grounds*, and *Reasons*, of these unexpected Changes, and sudden Interruptions; the shutting up of the Parliament-House Doors, and the Absenting of the Members.

Also, the *Mediation* and *Interposing* of divers Honorable Members of the Council; And the Accord and Proposals, to be presented from the General-Council of Officers.

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A DECLARATION OF The *Proceedings* of the Parliament and Army.

WHereas there is arose some Misunderstanding betwixt the Parliament and Army, notwithstanding the late Representation and Petition of the Officers and Souldiers; wherein was made manifest, their Desires to remove all occasions of jealousie and surmize, and to frustrate the expectations of any, who by blowing up the Coals of Dissention, hope to warm themselves thereby: Declaring their faithfulness and integrity towards the peace and welfare of these Nations, and their endeavouring to render themselves serviceable to a well-regulated Commonwealth, wherein the Liberties of the people both spiritual and civil may be fully secured, and persons of known integrity, piety, and ability, employed in places of publique trust and conternment; & beholding to be instrumental in bringing forth such a foundation of Government, whereby all the good people of these Nations may rationally expect that such Liberties & Rights shall be preserved to them and their Posterities: and that thereby there may be such a foederation as may not be liable at

every change of Governours to have the peace thereof disturbed, by introducing new Governments.

And it being judged necessary, for the keeping of the Army under such a Conduct as may render the same serviceable to the Government of the Commonwealth, a Committee of Nomination was desired, for the electing of Officers; and a Commander in Chief was remonstrated for: But the Parliament was so far from condescending hereunto, that they passed a Bill for the appointing 7 Commissioners for the Government of the Army; and voted null the several Commissions of the Lord *Lambert*, Col. *Disborow*, Col. *Berry*, Col. *Kelsey*, Col. *Ashfield*, Col. *Cobbet*, Col. *Packer*, Col. *Barrow*, and Major *Creed*, and discharged them from all Military Imployment, disposing of their Regiments to other Officers, and giving them Commissions.

This Resolve of the House rendered the Members unserviceable Patriots; for most of the Officers and Souldiers declared for the Lord *Lambert*, and the aforenamed Colonels, and were commanded to their arms on *Wednesday* Night.

The like Orders were issued to those Regiments that adhered to the Parliament, *viz.* Colonel *Moss*, and Colonel *Morleys* Foot, who were commanded to *Westminster*, where they kept guard in the Palace-yard, the Court of Wards, and parts adjacent; but late in the Evening the House rose, being adjourned till the next morning, at which time they were prevented from sitting: for the Speaker coming in his Coach (according to his usual manner) was turned back again in *Kings-street*, and not permitted to come to the House; many others also were denyed entrance, and received interruption; there being strong Guards mounted in several parts, and divers Regiments placed in *Kingstreet*, and the Abbey; amongst the rest, the Lord *Lamberts* Regiment of Foot had the Avant-guard near *Kings-Gate*; and Colonel *Hewson* his Regiment maintained the Out-guard at the Palace-yard gate;

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and within lay a party of Colonel *Mosse* his men, and in the Tower some of Colonel *Morleys*.

These continued within Pike length of each other for many hours, not striking one blow, and very indulgent they were in observing their Duty.

Several Troops of Horse were also drawn up in the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and had Orders to randevouz, proceeding very moderately; not dreading, but contemning all Plots of Treachery. Lofty Actions, and high Results; and the World may in time tremble at their Attempts: for the souldiery are very unanimous, with whom are joyned sevenscore gallant horse, formerly the Parliaments Life-guard, commanded by Major *Evelin*, who was detained in *White-Hall* most part of *Wednesday*; but his Lieutenant, with the rest of the Officers, adhered to the Lord *Lambert*, and dissented even in the first Juncture of these Interruptions.

So that the Interest of the Parliament many declined, notwithstanding the endeavours of some to promote and carry on the Work in *London*, and to have raised the *Militia* and Trained Band of the City; but it proved successless, and (contrary to the Citizens Address) their expectations were frustrated: for the Commissioners of the *Militia* were much divided in their Consultations at *Guild-Hall*, and could not accord to raise or put in a posture their Military Forces, either in an offensive or defensive way. Onely thus much they seemed to acquiesce in, *To use all possible means for the interposing and begetting a right understanding betwixt the Parliament and Army.* The like Orders being sent to the Commissioners in *Southwark*, and being read and communicated to them at a General Meeting, it was agreed and assented to, That the Militia and Trained Bands should be forthwith raised, which was done accordingly, and about eight of the clock in the morning 8 gallant Companies appeared in their Arms (consisting of one thousand men) with Yellow-

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Colours, and the Bible, and continued in the Park near St. *Georges* Fields till the Evening; at which time, two of the Lord *Lamberts* Troops of Horse, and a party of Foot faced them, but in a friendly motion, exchanging onely words, and countermarching to each other without blows.

In this Intervale and grand Affair, most of the Boats about the River of *Thames* were seized by the Souldiery, from *London*-Bridge to *Westminster*, and divers small Vessels man'd, and the Wharfs and Water side guarded; till at the last, by the interposing of some honorable Members of the Council of State, a Mediation was assented to, and Proposals to be offered by the Council of Officers, in order to the cementing and making up of these unhappy breaches.

And for the better facilitating and carrying on so expedient a Work, the respective Regiments that were in arms on both sides, were ordered on *Thursday* night to repair to their several Quarters, which accordingly was performed: And upon the drawing off of Colonel *Mosses* Regiment of Foot from *Westminster*, the Lord *Lambert* took a view of them, riding through their Ranks & Files, who was saluted with several Vollies.

The next morning, being *Friday*, the Parliament was expected to meet at *Westminster*, but it proved otherwise, their Resolutions being at that to decline sitting at present: so that now the Doors of the Parliament House are shut, and a Guard of soldiers kept in the Lobby and other places.

And whereas the people are much amazed and discontented in these unsetled Times, at the various Changes and Revolutions, yet it is hoped all things will center in a well regulated Government, for the just Rights, Liberties, and Priviledges of the People. For effectuating whereof, several Proposals are to be presented to the Council by the Council of Officers, together with the Grounds

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and Reasons of their present Transactions. In the interim, the Soldiery are united, and proceed in a cordial and affectionate Agreement and Union, for a General: adhering to the Lord *Lambert*, and other their superiour Officers, who have sincerely professed, That they have no other then faithfulness and candor in their hearts and actions towards the people, in order to a true and firm settlement of these poor distempered and distracted Nations.

The General Council of Officers have had several Meetings at *Wallingford* house, in order to their modelling and drawing up of certain particulars touching these unexpected Transacts: Lieutenant General *Fleetwood* sits in Council; and 'tis hoped there will be a happy reconciliation, and mutual accord, for the preventing of all abuses, interruptions, and irregularities for the future, and the setling of these Nations in Peace and Tranquility.

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